

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-23, 25, 26, 28 and 29 are pending. Claims 1, 10, 20, 22, 26, and 28 are amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 26, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended the specification and claims 26, 28 and 29 in view of the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 26, 28, and 29 are limited to statutory subject matter and the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-10, 12-23, 25, 26, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Woods et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0087692 (hereinafter Woods) in view of Dutta et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0122053 (hereinafter Dutta). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections in view of the claims as amended.

Independent claim 1, as amended now recites:

A method for caching web addresses comprising:
monitoring, by a network interface, traffic on a network;
extracting, by a filter, web addresses from the monitored traffic;
storing, by a database, the extracted web addresses;
querying, by a network device, the database, the querying returning zero or more web addresses to the network device; and
categorizing, by a categorization mechanism, the extracted web addresses based at least in part on content of a webpage associated with each web address of the extracted web addresses, wherein the categorization mechanism identifies the content of the webpage by scanning metatags of the webpage and assesses the content of the webpage using predetermined characterizations of the identified content to produce a categorized web address.

The Woods reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest the method specified in

independent claim 1, as amended. As the Examiner has acknowledged, Woods does not disclose assessing or detecting content by scanning metatags. (September 22 Office Action, page 4)

In addition, unlike the method specified in claim 1, as amended, Woods does not teach “categorizing, by a categorization mechanism, the extracted web addresses based at least in part on content of a webpage associated with each web address of the extracted web addresses, *wherein the categorization mechanism identifies the content of the webpage by scanning metatags of the webpage and assesses the content of the webpage using predetermined characterizations of the identified content to produce a categorized web address.*” Instead, Woods teaches that web addresses and the content are categorized as permissible or not permissible based on whether the web address is included in a database. (*Woods; Paragraph 25*) Specifically, Woods discloses that when the server “receives a request from client 200 as to whether content at a given URL address is permitted to be accessed, server 204 determines whether the address is in the database, indicating that the content at this address is permissible.” (*Woods; Paragraph 25*) Independent claim 1 is distinct from the method disclosed in Woods because Woods assesses the content of the webpage by comparing the web address for the webpage to entries in a database according to predetermined categories of content, which is not the same as identifying the content of the webpage by scanning metatags of the webpage and assesses the content of the webpage using predetermined characterizations of the identified content to produce a categorized web address. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1, as amended distinguishes over the Woods reference.

The Dutta reference does not make up for the deficiencies of Woods. Dutta is directed a method an apparatus for presenting a web page to a visually impaired user. (*Dutta; Paragraph 2*) Dutta discloses a method in which a webpage is searched for tags indicating non-displayable

text. Once the non-displayable text has been identified, it is presented in an alternative form such as Braille or speech. (*Dutta; Paragraphs 12 and 44*) However, the combination of Woods and Dutta does not disclose, teach, or suggest “categorizing, by a categorization mechanism, the extracted web addresses based at least in part on content of a webpage associated with each web address of the extracted web addresses, *wherein the categorization mechanism identifies the content of the webpage by scanning metatags of the webpage and assesses the content of the webpage using predetermined characterizations of the identified content to produce a categorized web address.*” Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1, as amended distinguishes over Woods in combination with Dutta.

Independent claims 10, 20, 22, 26 and 28, as amended all recite limitations similar to those in independent claim 1, as amended. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 10, 20, 22, 26 and 28, distinguish over Woods for reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to independent claim 1, as amended.

Claims 3-9, 12-19, 21, 23, 25, and 29 depend from independent claims 1, 10, 20, 22, and 28, as amended, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 3-9, 12-19, 21, 23, 25, and 29 all distinguish over Woods for the same reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1, 10, 20, 22, and 28, as amended, respectively.

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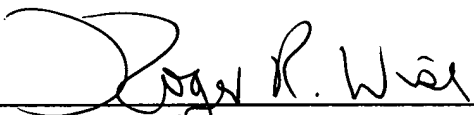
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Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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